



REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

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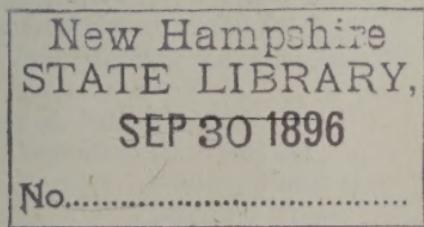
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HUDSON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.



NASHUA, N. H.:

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Report of the Financial Transactions of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1874.

Whole amount of assessments chargeable to the Treasurer, including State, County,

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| Town and School Tax, | \$6,577 31 |
| Dog Tax, | 98 00 |
| | ————— \$6,675 31 |

RECEIPTS OF THE SELECTMEN.

Received of the City of Nashua for lighting

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| Taylor's Falls Bridge for 1871-2, | \$81 03 |
| of the County of Hillsborough, on Jewett case, | 67 30 |

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| Cash found on body of, and articles sold that were used about W. H. Jewett, | \$26 03 |
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| Geo. W. Cutter, borrowed money, | 1,300 00 |
| Emeline M. Cummings, Guardian, | 1,350 00 |
| State Treasurer for rejected bounty claims collected of the U. S., | 33 60 |

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| John Cash, money paid in small pox case, | 40 00 |
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| Interest on State Bonds, | 468 00 |
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| State Treasurer, Railroad tax, | 323 32 |
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| " " Savings Bank tax, | 1,354 96 |
| " " Literary Fund, | 87 74 |

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| of J. L. and C. E. Senter, part pay- ment of note, | 150 00 |
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| of John Sullivan, for grass on Thos. Smith homestead, | 20 00 |
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| | \$5,301 98 |
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TOWN EXPENSES.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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| Paid William F. Chase, labor on highway in | | |
| 1872, | | \$9 00 |
| Henry W. Butler, breaking roads, | 14 50 | |
| Dustin B. Smith, " " | 11 43 | |
| Kimball Smith, " " | 5 24 | |
| Francis P. Donahoe, " " | 11 32 | |
| John Sullivan, " " | 4 42 | |
| Newton Colburn, " " | 5 52 | |
| Samuel R. Simpson, " " | 5 83 | |
| Daniel Smith, labor on highway in 1871, | 1 50 | |
| Wm. Melvin, " " " | 5 50 | |
| Geo. W. Berry, " " " and rail- | | 8 50 |
| ing for bridge in 1872, | | |
| J. B. Proctor & Co., 4,000 feet bridge | | 80 00 |
| plank, | | |
| Joseph Fuller, stringer and bridge plank | | 12 50 |
| in 1872, | | |
| James N. Corliss, drawing timber and | | 10 00 |
| plank for bridges, | | |
| Barr & Co., bolts and spikes for bridge, | 5 31 | |
| John Wrynn, labor on Winn bridge, | 8 00 | |
| Melendy Bros., lumber for Winn bridge, | 4 64 | |
| Nancy B. Merrill, land damage, | 5 00 | |
| Cross & Tolles, timber and lumber for | | 12 77 |
| Winn bridge, | | |
| J. B. Proctor & Co., timber and plank | | 47 95 |
| for Winn Bridge, | | |
| Benjamin H. Kidder, timber for Centre | | 8 00 |
| bridge, | | |
| John Lenahan, drawing timber, | 1 00 | |
| John H. Baker, labor on Winn bridge, | 34 35 | |
| Nathan Cummings, labor on highway, | 14 62 | |
| William F. Chase, labor and material for | | 52 25 |
| building bridge, | | |
| Mark Batchelder, labor on bridge, | 3 00 | |
| S. A. Steele, timber and labor on Winn | | 86 65 |
| and Belknap bridges, | | |
| A. J. Belknap, labor on highway and | | 7 50 |
| bridge, | | |
| G. W. Marshall, plank and labor on | | 4 32 |
| bridge, | | |
| John Gillis, snowing and repairing Tay- | | 20 25 |
| lor's Falls bridge, | | |
| James B. Merrill, stone for bridge, | 3 00 | |
| J. Sylvanus Winn, bridge plank, | 1 50 | |

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| Paid Samuel Simpson, repairing highway, | \$16 70 |
| Samuel Greeley, timber for bridge, | 1 50 |
| Reuben P. Smith, labor on highway, | 4 50 |
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| | \$528 07 |

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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| Paid Samuel Greeley, committee to County Farm, | \$12 00 |
| Dustin B. Smith, damage to sheep by dogs, | 5 00 |
| Eli Hamblett, refreshments furnished town officers, | 3 00 |
| John Winn, over assessment in 1872, | 1 90 |
| Moore & Langley, printing town reports, | 24 00 |
| C. H. Roberts, copy of records of soldiers from Hudson, | 3 00 |
| J. H. Thurber, insurance on Taylor's Falls bridge, | 75 00 |
| Henry Marshall, over assessment in 1871, | 2 50 |
| Non-resident highway tax worked out, | 17 93 |
| Barr & Co., oil and lanterns for T. F. Bridge, | 35 13 |
| M. V. B. Greene, books and stationery, | 12 25 |
| B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing check lists, | 6 00 |
| Kimball Webster, cash paid for town, | 2 00 |
| N. P. Webster, printing tax bills and expenses paying County tax, | 4 75 |
| C. N. Spalding, public watering trough, | 3 00 |
| James Carnes, lighting T. F. Bridge, | 40 00 |
| N. P. Webster, abatement of taxes, 1872 and 1873. | 39 66 |
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| | \$287 12 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

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| Paid Albert O. Titcomb, police officer for 1872, | \$15 00 |
| Alonzo G. Hutchins, " " " 1872, | 5 00 |
| " " " " " 1873, | 10 00 |
| James B. Merrill, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and police officer, | 45 00 |
| Kimball Webster, Selectman & Assessor, | 100 00 |
| Otis R. Marsh, " " " " | 70 00 |
| Charles W. Spalding, " " " | 52 00 |
| Charles A. Cressey, Supt. School Com., | 50 00 |
| N. P. Webster, Collector for 1872 and 1873 (part payment), | 75 00 |
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| | \$422 00 |

EXPENSES OF POOR.

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| Paid Sophia Doyle, boarding her daughter, | \$78 00 |
| Henry W. Butler, wood for Jane Smith, | 49 00 |
| John Sullivan, relief of Jane Smith, | 18 00 |
| N. P. Webster, " " " " | 14 03 |
| Aaron W. Chaffin, relief of poor in 1871, | 5 00 |
| William Cady, boarding and clothing | |
| Thomas Butler, | 144 70 |
| Amos Hamlett, boarding his mother, | 78 00 |
| Kimball Webster, relief of paupers, | 9 00 |
| Viletta Nichols support for her chil- | |
| dren, | 99 00 |
| Elizabeth Cummings, board of Jane | |
| Smith, | 12 00 |
| Isaac McQuesten, relief of Nichols chil- | |
| dren, | 5 00 |
| B. H. Bartlett, medical services to Thos. | |
| Butler, | 6 00 |
| Expense in Jewett case, | 103 33 |
| Expense in small pox case in 1872, | 40 00 |
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| | \$661 56 |

NOTES AND PARTS OF NOTES PAID.

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| Paid Kimball Webster, Ex'r John Cummings, | |
| note and interest, | \$273 57 |
| Kimball Webster, Guar. interest on note, | 270 00 |
| H. J. Cain, Adm'r. L. H. Cain, note and | |
| interest, | 532 50 |
| Dustin Caldwell, interest, | 91 62 |
| Austin Blodgett, " | 18 00 |
| E. W. Upham, note and interest, | 3,200 00 |
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| | \$4,485 69 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

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| Paid George E. Merrill, District No. 1, | \$145 94 |
| Reuben Spalding, " " 2, | 145 94 |
| Adams F. Warren, " " 3, | 136 46 |
| Joseph Fuller, " " 4, | 160 94 |
| G. W. Haselton and Alvin Ham- | |
| lett, District No. 5, | 217 40 |
| Tyler Thomas, " " 6, | 180 77 |
| G. W. Trow and John Sanford, | |
| District No. 7, | 185 00 |
| Clifton E. Buttrick, " " 8, | 118 51 |

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| John L. Senter, | District No. 9, | \$132 37 |
| Aaron Cutler, | " " 10, | 161 47 |
| | | — \$1,584 80 |

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

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| Paid State tax, | \$2,149 50 |
| County tax, | 706 03 |
| | — \$2,855 53 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Paid on account of highways and bridges, | \$528 07 |
| Incidental expenses, | 287 12 |
| Salaries of town officers, | 422 00 |
| Expenses of poor, | 661 56 |
| Notes and parts of notes, | 4,485 69 |
| School Money, | 1,584 80 |
| State and County tax, | 2,855 53 |
| Total amount of orders drawn for the year ending March 1, 1874, | — \$10,824 77 |

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| In the foregoing item of expenses of the poor amounting to | \$661 56 |
| there has been received from the Coun- ty and other sources the amount of | 133 33 |
| leaving the actual expenses, | — \$528 23 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Paid Kimball Webster, Guar. note, | \$3,075 00 |
| Elijah Tinker, " | 607 38 |
| Betsey Baldwin, " | 286 20 |
| Austin Blodgett, " | 300 00 |
| Sarah Blodgett, " | 424 00 |
| Silas Hunting, " | 821 00 |
| Martha W. Marsh, " | 178 00 |
| Dustin Caldwell, two notes, | 1,526 90 |
| Amory Burnham, " | 2,806 88 |
| J. N. Marden, four notes, | 1,182 96 |
| Louisa A. Smith, note, | 243 80 |
| C. H. Newcomb, two notes, | 1,200 00 |
| Joseph Hardy, note, | 774 86 |
| Sarah P. Marshall, note, | 296 80 |
| John Webster, " | 517 28 |

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| Mary Rollins, note, | 1,592 54 |
| George W. Cutler, two notes, | 2,454 27 |
| Emeline Cummings, Guar., note, | 1,368 00 |
| Total on notes, | ————— \$19,655 87 |
| Outstanding orders drawn on the treasury for the current year ending Mar. 1, 1874, | \$12 50 |
| Due School District No. 5. | 65 41 |
| " " " 7, | 18 79 |
| Total school money not drawn, | ————— \$84 20 |
| Total liabilities, | ————— \$19,752 57 |

ASSETS.

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| State bonds, | \$7,878 00 |
| Notes due the town, | 810 51 |
| Cash in the treasury, | 2,633 06 |
| Due from N. P. Webster, Collector for 1873, interest not included, | 1,521 10 |
| Due from the city of Nashua for lighting Taylor's Falls Bridge, | 37 56 |
| Total Assets, | ————— \$12,880 23 |

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| Liabilities over assets, | \$6,872 34 |
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KIMBALL WEBSTER, } SELECTMEN
OTIS R. MARSH, } OF
CHARLES W. SPALDING, } HUDSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Cash in the treasury March 1, 1873, | \$1,948 12 |
| Received of the Selectmen, | 5,301 98 |
| of N. P. Webster, Collector, | 6,268 24 |
| Total receipts, | ————— \$13,518 34 |
| Paid treasury orders, | ————— \$10,885 28 |
| Balance in the treasury Feb. 28th, 1874, | ————— \$2,633 06 |

JAMES B. MERRILL, TREASURER.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of James B. Merrill, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and each payment properly vouched.

KIMBALL WEBSTER, } SELECTMEN
OTIS R. MARSH, } OF
CHARLES W. SPALDING. } HUDSON.

Hudson, Feb. 28th, 1874.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT,

TO THE

TOWN OF HUDSON.

In presenting the following report of the schools for the year ending March 1st, 1874, your Committee congratulates you on the general prosperity that has attended the progress of the schools throughout the town.

While in some districts sickness and death have interrupted the work, and prevented that regularity of attendance that otherwise might have been expected, in the Majority of cases there has been good attendance, while uninterrupted harmony and good success have crowned the efforts put forth by all concerned.

The following report by districts is submitted:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Geo. E. Merrill.

Teacher, first term, Miss Myra E. Williams.

This school opened its first session with twenty scholars in attendance. The average attendance during the term was sixteen. The school enjoyed a prosperous session of ten weeks. Only the regular branches were taught. Considerable interest was manifest, and the examination showed fair progress.

The second term opened under the charge of Miss Ella F. Keyes. Eighteen scholars were in attendance. A marked degree of interest prevailed in the school during the entire session of thirteen weeks. Ambition, good order, and excellency in recitations characterized the school. The pupils made excellent progress in writing. Town committee would especially commend ten of the scholars for the excellency of their penmanship, and the neatness of their copy books. We understand a prize was awarded to one of the pupils for excellency in writing. The examination was excel-

lent—rather above the average. Miss Keyes, though new in the work of teaching, discharged her duties faithfully. The school will continue to feel the good influence exerted by her throughout the term.

The school building is in no fit condition for a school—especially in the winter. The scholars have complained much of cold during the past term. A new house ought to be built at once.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Reuben Spalding.

Teacher, both terms, Eliza A. Thomas.

Good success has attended the work in this school throughout both terms. The first term was twelve weeks in length. Twenty-one scholars were registered. The attendance was good, the average a little over seventeen. The usual studies were pursued, with the addition of book-keeping and algebra.

The second term numbered ten weeks. Number of scholars, twenty-two. Average attendance, seventeen and a fraction over. Miss Thomas has been engaged as a teacher nine terms in succession in the district. The school is well supplied with maps. The examinations were excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Adams F. Warren.

Teacher, first term, Miss A. F. Atwood.

Whole number of scholars, ten. Average attendance, nine.—Length of term, nine weeks. The school enjoyed a prosperous session. Five of the scholars were registered as neither absent nor tardy during the term. The usual branches were pursued. Miss Atwood has had some experience in teaching, though never before in a public school. The good results of her work were visible. Though your committee was not present at the examination, we learned it was satisfactory. Punctuality in attendance, and good order characterized the school throughout its entire session. The common branches were pursued. Singing was practiced. The school needs maps and charts.

The fall term opened under the charge of Miss Mary E. Wheeler. The term was short, numbering but six weeks. Number of scholars, eight. The regular branches were pursued, with the exception of history. Good order characterized the school. The examination was very good. In the interior, between the summer and fall term, about seventeen dollars were expended in repairs, adding considerably to the internal appearance of the house.

A winter term of ten weeks was opened under the continued charge of Miss Wheeler. Number of scholars, seven. Average attendance, a fraction over five. But two instances of tardiness were reported during the term. Three of the pupils attended to composition. The work of the term was well prosecuted, both on the part of teacher and scholars. Altogether the school has enjoyed three prosperous sessions.

DISTRICT No. 4.

*Prudential Committee, Joseph Fuller,
Teacher, first term, Miss B. Philbrick.*

Length of the term, ten weeks. Number of scholars, thirty. Average attendance, about twenty-two. Eight of the pupils were reported as not absent one-half day. The common branches were studied except history. A class of five was formed in book-keeping, also a class in philosophy. This school has been characterized by its number of scholars, it having generally taken the lead in this respect. Considerable progress was made during the term. Some one has said "the largest room in the world is room for improvement," and we think there was "room for improvement" here. While general good order and harmony prevailed, more might have been done in stimulating high ambition and enforcing thorough discipline. There was manifest in the school a spirit which under the right kind of guidance and discipline would have made the school one of the first in town in excellence. The examination was very fair.

The winter term opened under the charge of Mr. Geo. F. Weeks, with thirty-three scholars in attendance. The attendance was somewhat diminished before the school closed. The usual branches were taught, with book-keeping and philosophy. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the school was considerably broken up, which of course interrupted the regular harmonious work of the school. Nevertheless good progress was manifest. Mr. Weeks, being in the work of the ministry, and having in the work of his charge, and the studies of the school, more upon his hands than could well be performed by one person, was not able to give that undivided attention to the school that was needed, and which he would have given under other circumstances. He is a man of ability, and promises success in his work. The examination was all that could be expected under the circumstances. But nineteen of the scholars presented themselves for examination, consequently the classes were small, and therefore the full results of the term's work could not be shown. Length of the term, eight weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Prudential Committee, Alvin Hamblett.
Teacher, both terms, Eliza A. Thomas.*

This school has enjoyed two very prosperous sessions, under the

charge of Miss Thomas. Twenty scholars were in attendance the first term. Average attendance, eighteen. Twelve of the pupils were not absent one-half day. The usual studies, together with algebra and philosophy, were taught. Excellent order was maintained during the term. A system of marking adopted, in which "five" was the mark of perfection, in deportment, shows that three of the scholars attained the rank of perfect scholars in this respect, while eleven others average each about four and ninety-six one-hundredths, an excellent record for the school.

The winter term opened with twenty-two scholars. Average attendance during the term was eighteen. Length of the term, eleven weeks. A good degree of interest was manifest among the pupils, which remained steadily to the close of the term. Progress made in reading was a noticeable good feature of the work put forth, both on the part of teacher and pupils. The examination was excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Tyler Thomas.

Teacher, first term, Mary E. Wheeler.

Whole number of scholars, twenty-two. Average attendance during the term, eighteen and three-fourths. The studies pursued here were the common branches, also, physiology and algebra; some attended to composition. General good order and harmony attended the work in this district. Length of the term, eight weeks. The examination showed good progress made in most of the studies. This school is pleasantly situated. The school building is in good order. The school ought to take its rank among the first in the town.

The second term opened under the charge of Miss Addie M. Richardson. Thirty-three scholars were in attendance. The average attendance was twenty-six. It will be seen by the statistical table appended, that in numbers, this school has taken the lead. Considerable interest was manifest in the school, which would have resulted in its excellent success, had not some elements of discord rendered discipline on the part of your committee necessary. The causes of the discord being removed, general good order and harmony were restored.

Miss Richardson, though new in the work of teaching, nevertheless endeavored to discharge her duties with kindness and fidelity to all. She won the love and esteem of her scholars.

The second term numbered but six weeks, yet visible progress was manifest in most of the classes. After a short vacation the school resumed its session under the charge of Miss Eliza A. Thomas

The work of the term was well prosecuted both on the part of the teacher and scholars. General good order and harmony prevailed. Number of scholars in attendance, twenty-nine. Average, twenty-five. A class in physiology was formed, consisting of eight scholars. In most of the classes fine progress was made. A system of marking in deportment showed excellent deportment on the part of most of the scholars. Others might have improved somewhat. Miss Thomas has had considerable experience in teaching—has taught in other districts in the town, with good success. The examination was good. Ten dollars expended in maps would help this school much.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, John Sanford.

Teacher, both terms, Miss L. T. Carlton.

The first term opened well, with twenty scholars in attendance. Besides the regular branches, algebra and philosophy were taught. Sickness prevailed considerably among the scholars, rendering it necessary to close the school earlier than was intended, making the term only five weeks in length. While the school was in session, good order prevailed. Fair progress was made in most of the studies. The full term opened with twenty-two scholars, with an average attendance of seventeen. There was not that punctuality in attendance this term that ought to have been.—Tardiness prevailed to a considerable extent, fifty-four cases being reported during the twelve weeks of the term. The examination showed considerable progress made. Some of the classes deserved commendation for their excellence. A prize was awarded to one of the scholars for good scholarship. Other prizes might well have been awarded. Miss Coulton is a good teacher, has taught before in the town with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, C. E. Buttrick.

Teacher, both terms, Miss M. E. Smith.

This school has continued to bear its former good reputation through both sessions. Excellent order prevailed. Fine progress was made in nearly all of the studies. In talent and good scholarship this school has earned for itself a rank among the first.—All the regular branches were pursued, together with algebra.—Miss Smith had her first experience here as a teacher. She met with good success and won the love and esteem of the entire school. Length of the term, 11 weeks. Twenty-two scholars were reported the second term. The average attendance was

good. Harmony and good order prevailed to the close. Good progress was observable. Some of the classes earned for themselves well deserved commendation. The examination was excellent. Length of term, eight weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, John Senter.

Teacher, first term, Pauline O. Scollay.

Length of term, ten weeks. But thirteen scholars were in attendance. Only the regular branches were taught. Tardiness was rather prevalent. Some of the classes did very well in their studies, as the examination showed. The progress made was fair. The order of the school and thoroughness in scholarship might have been improved somewhat. Miss Scollay had her first experience here in teaching. Money could well be expended here in repairs, and furnishing the school with maps. We understand repairs are to be made.

Miss Ella J. Burns took charge of the school at the opening of its second term. The attendance numbered sixteen, average attendance thirteen. Considerable improvement was noticed this term. But ten instances of tardiness were reported, whereas last term there were thirty-two. Eight of the pupils were reported as not absent one half day. Algebra was pursued in addition to the regular branches. Tolerably good order characterized the school. The examination was commendable. Miss B. has had some experience in teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Aaron Cutler.

Teacher, first term, Miss Jennie F. McQuesten.

This school has several terms been quite small. This term, however, fourteen scholars were in attendance. Fine order, good scholarship, and fair progress have characterized the school. Only the regular branches were taught. There was hardly that regularity of attendance that there should have been. Otherwise the school takes a good rank. Money was well expended in supplying an excellent blackboard, which added much to the convenience of the school. A still further good expenditure might be made in the purchase of maps. Though this was her first experience in teaching, Miss McQuesten discharged her duties with fidelity.

At the time of this writing, (Feb. 26th.) the second session of the school is in progress under the charge of Miss Greeley. Of the school this term your committee can make no definite report, save that fine progress and good order have attended the work thus far. Miss G. is an experienced teacher, and is doing well by the

school. The attendance is somewhat less than last term. Two of the scholars have died within the year.

In conclusion, your committee begs leave to suggest that in nearly all of the districts our great destitution is good maps, or charts. Globes ought to be furnished for every school. In some districts, as in numbers one, three, seven and ten, the supply of blackboards is wholly insufficient in quantity and poor in quality. Books of reference ought to be furnished for all of the schools. In some of the schools viz: numbers one, three and nine, there are no good arrangements for ventilation, a deficiency that ought to be supplied. There is not a clock or a thermometer in any of the schools. No school aught to be without them. A little effort and trifling expenditure would supply all these deficiencies.

The appended statistical table will give numerical facts not stated in the foregoing report.

CHARLES A. CRESSY,

Superintending School Committee.

Hudson, March 1st, 1874.

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